

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, each of the issues raised in the Office Action is addressed herein.

Claims 12, 14-15, 17-20, 23-25, 27-36, 38-62 and 74-75 are pending in this application. In this paper, no claims have been amended, added, or canceled. The application as now presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

I. Double Patenting Rejections

A. Rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584

Claims 12, 14, 27-29, 32 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584.

Claim 15 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584 in view of Lowery et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,514,627).

Claim 30 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584 in view of Squibb (U.S. Patent No. 5,499,184).

Claims 17, 35-36, 38 and 61-62 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584 in view of Markur of (U.S. Patent No. 4,951,184).

Claim 41 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584 in view of Lowery et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,514,627).

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584 in view of Nau (U.S. Patent No. 5,681,105).

Claims 42-55 and 74 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584 in view of N Chirelstein (U.S. Patent No. 2,257,786).

Without acceding to the propriety of the foregoing rejections, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer in connection with U.S. Patent No. 6,774,584. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

B. U.S. Patent No. 6,967,448

Claims 20, 23-25 and 33 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claims 11-7 and 12, 24-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,967,448.

Without acceding to the propriety of these rejections, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer in connection with U.S. Patent No. 6,967,448. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

C. U.S. Patent No. 7,187,141

Claim 34 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly obvious over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,187,141.

Without acceding to the propriety of these rejections, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer in connection with U.S. Patent No. 7,187,141. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

CONCLUSION

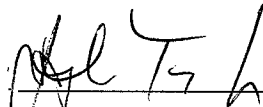
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825, Reference No. C1104.70089US00.

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